

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/439,185 filed January 10, 2003, the teaching of which are incorporated herein.

This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US03/21515, filed July 10, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on July 29, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application No. 60/439,185, filed January 10, 2003. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIGURES 5C-5F, and 5E-5F each depict the position of the sets of reference pixels (A',B'C',D' and I',J',K',L') as defined for a second set of mirrored interpolation filters corresponding to the Intra_4x4 prediction modes illustrated in FIG. 2.--